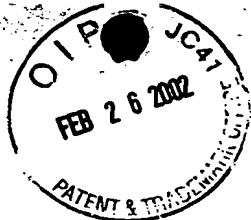


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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered before examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

**Before line 4, page 1, please add the following paragraph:**

This application is based on and claims priority to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/386,269 filed on August 31, 1999, the entire contents of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

COMMENTS

By the foregoing amendment, Applicant has added a claim of priority to the specification. No new matter is added by this amendment. Accordingly, Applicant

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